at an intermediate or senior professional military education school; and

(B) an officer who attends a professional military education course of 10 months or more at an intermediate or senior professional military education school shall be entitled to an additional year of service for each such course to prevent prejudice when considering the officer for discharge or retirement pursuant to subchapter III of chapter 36 of title 10, United States Code—

(i) for failure of selection for promotion; or

(ii) for years of service.

(d) INTERMEDIATE OR SENIOR PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION SCHOOL DEFINED.—For purposes of this section, the term "intermediate or senior professional military education school" means any of the following:

(1) The Army War College.

(2) The College of Naval Warfare.

(3) The Air War College.

(4) The United States Army Command and General Staff College.

(4) The College of Naval Command and Staff.

(5) The Air Command and Staff College.

(6) The Marine Corps Command and Staff College.

SEC. 1122. CLARIFICATION REGARDING SCHOOLS THAT ARE JOINT PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION SCHOOLS FOR PURPOSES OF QUALIFICATION OF OFFICERS FOR JOINT SPECIALTY

Section 661(c) of title 10, United States Code, is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(4) For purposes of this chapter, a school that is organized within, and operated by, a military department may not be construed to be a joint professional military education school".

SEC. 1123. PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION IN JOINT MATTERS

(a) EXISTING EFFORTS TO IMPROVE PROFESSIONAL MILITARY EDUCATION.—(1) The Goldwater-Nichols Department of Defense Reorganization Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-433; 100 Stat. 992) mandated—

(7) the strengthening of the focus on joint matters in courses of instruction offered by professional military education schools operated by the military departments; and

(8) the maintenance of rigorous standards at joint professional military education schools for the education of joint specialty officers.

(2) Congress applauds the actions taken since 1986

by the Secretary of Defense and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, consistent with such mandate, to improve professional military education provided by intermediate and senior professional military education schools.

(b) STATEMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL POLICY.—As part of the efforts of the Secretary of Defense to improve professional military education, Congress urges, as a matter of policy, and fully expects the Secretary to establish the following:

(1) A coherent and comprehensive framework for the education of officers, including officers nominated for the joint specialty.